

Melrose Waverley Tennis Club Committee Meeting

MINUTES of meeting held in the Clubhouse on Monday 8 August 2022

Present:

Will Grieve (President); Leslie Young (Treasurer); Alison Moore (Secretary);
Glen Gordon (Vice President); David Owen.

1. President's welcome

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Lesley Watters, Lorna Hutchison, Mac Brown,
Rachel Fourie, and Gemma Ross.

3. Matters arising

The gate ties have been fixed.

The gents back door – Border Safeguard can't get the spare part so we are
waiting.

The flush was broken on the ladies' toilet but Will has kindly fixed it. The
plumber came today.

4. Reports: Treasurer, Membership, Juniors, Coaching

Treasurer's report:

Leslie gave a written report which is appended to these minutes.

Membership:

Andrew kindly gave a short written report. We have 247 members at present.

Juniors / coaching:

Juniors:

Autumn Leagues start back 19 Aug, we have 2 teams entered. Challenge will be
players availability due to football/rugby however speaking to Jonny may be
option considered for matches to be a Saturday as opposed to Friday nights.
Need to confirm before looking at fixtures and court bookings

Juniors confined - first weekend done and great tennis on display across all age
categories.

Jack Fairgrieve won the consolation draw in 14U boys singles

Jack Fourie was runner up in boys 14U singles, losing in the final to his doubles partner Harris McDougal of Earlston tennis club

On the Sunday we saw Jack and Harris play a thrilling, nail biting final against their great team mate Benji Cove of Earlston and Arron Ferguson of Innerleithen - Benji and Arron taking the title 11-9 in the championship tie break!

Eilidh Fourie - playing with Ruby McKenzie of Innerleithen picked up a runners up medal in the 14U girls doubles

Another full schedule next weekend for some of our players in 18U and 11U.

Junior Club Championships - it is hoped we can play these on morning of club championship finals day so the juniors can be part of the overall atmosphere of finals day. It will depend on entries and if we have a lot we can plan matches to take place prior to 10/9 and play final matches on 10th

ACTION: it was agreed that the juniors can play their finals on club championships finals day in the morning but earlier rounds need to be completed beforehand.

Road to Davis Cup – yes, we should enter a team.

Ian is re-jigging his coaching to have two sessions on a Monday, with the first one being the children who did the BBBB coaching session. Same sessions as before for the other days except for the fourth session on a Friday as the older group have moved on.

5. Scottish Power / Electricity

We now have a smart meter! He came on July 18th. He had to rejig some of the other meters around in the box. We haven't heard anything from Scottish Power subsequently as our account states as owe £1150 but they had agreed to write this off.

Solar panels – could we get these? Would the wooden roof support them?

ACTION: Will to enquire whether our roof can support solar panels

£400 household payment from October – would clubs be eligible?

6. Borders Confined

Marquee – it is going to £320. We do not have a budget for this so Tennis Borders would need to pay. Or should we get a second gazebo.

Food / drink – we decided just to do home baking; teas and coffees. Most people go to the Co-op or bring their own.

License? We assume that one would be required if we had a bar and it is probably too late now.

Will will see if he can get rugby club chairs and Dara has offered to collect them in his pickup.

ACTION: Will to feed this all back to Eddie Brogan

7. Club championships

Only 6 ties played as of close of play tonight. We will need to monitor the situation and keep on top of it.

8. Proposal for a fourth court

We are minded to leave it, but we should offer our thanks to David Parker and the chap from the Council who has done the work.

ACTION: Will to discuss with Mac when he is back from holiday

9. Juniors

Already discussed above.

10. Safeguarding

Jessica and Will had had a meeting with Tennis Scotland regarding safeguarding. A number of items arose out of this including: the need to update our policies on the website (done); the need for the remaining members of the Committee to complete their online training (outstanding); the need for all coaches to have up to date PVG checks; the suggestion that safeguarding be included as a regular agenda item.

ACTION: all remaining committee members to complete their outstanding training asap.

Ali to feedback to Jessica regarding the other items.

11. Membership Secretary vacancy

The committee noted that no member has come forward in response to the email about the membership secretary vacancy. Between now and the start of the new membership year, the role primarily entails:

Welcome letters

Swipe cards

General queries

ACTION: a specific standalone email will be sent out to all members about this.

12. Any other business

Membership. Someone has applied but hasn't paid. He has asked for a pro-rata membership. This was approved.

Floodlights: mixed match couple of weeks ago. Gates left open. Play ended after 11pm. A 10pm finish will be introduced from now on.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 5 September.